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Hook, line and snapper?

Brody Blackburn, 9, cast his line in the hope of landing the big one during the 2019 Mayor's Snapper Derby on Aug. 17. Story, Page 9.

A voice in the community

Latino group seeks to support local businesses

By **RONNY REYES**
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Every time James Barron drove by Padilla Barber Shop, in Sea Cliff, he would spot Ever Padilla waving at the front door. The two were strangers, but Barron grew curious about who the friendly barber was. So he stopped by last September, and got more than a haircut. Snipping away at Barron's hair, the

41-year-old Padilla shared an ambition that he held close to his heart — a plan to galvanize the North Shore's Latino community.

Data from the 2010 U.S. census indicates that the Latino portion of Glen Cove's population has increased to more than 25 percent. Encouraged by that statistic, Padilla, teamed up with fellow Salvadoran immigrant Elsa Valle, who helps manage her

family's catering business in Port Washington, to try to push for a Latino candidate for City Council in 2017. Their hope was that representation on the council would provide support for their community. When their candidate failed to get elected, Padilla and Valle moved forward with an idea that they have mulled for years, the formation of a Hispanic Chamber of Com-

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Mayor fires controller

No replacement set as former employee seeks to be reinstated

By **RONNY REYES**
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After stating that he had no confidence in her, Glen Cove Mayor Timothy Tenke fired Controller Sandra Clarson on Aug. 16, and the city was left without a controller.

Clarson said she was shocked when she came back from a vacation to find that she had been let go. She was not allowed to enter her office in City Hall. Clarson claims she was wrongly terminated, and has filed a petition with the Nassau County Supreme Court to reinstate her.

Tenke first tried to fire Clarson last December, but she remained in the position because, according to the city charter, she could be fired only after a replacement was found. Tenke is a Democrat, and the Republican-majority City Council has not approved any of his nominees to replace Clarson over the past eight months.

After documents from the controller's office were leaked to Newsday on July 18, revealing that Tenke's paychecks had not included the proper health care deductions since he took office on Jan. 1, 2018, Tenke asked Clarson to resign. He said he had not been made aware of the error, and was willing to pay the \$4,795 in health care premiums he owed. A Freedom of Information Law request by the Herald revealed that the deductions were missing from the paychecks of Tenke and one other city employee.

I think the mayor should be allowed to bring in people he can trust to work with. It should be about qualifications, not party affiliation.

MARSHA SILVERMAN
City councilwoman

"[Tenke] claims I went to the media before I let him know, and that's not true," Clarson said. "And he's saying I incorrectly withheld his health insurance deductions, which is also wrong."

According to Clarson, the problems began when Marks Paneth, a Manhattan accounting

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CRESCENT BEACH HAS been closed since 2009 due to contamination. City officials hope to reopen the beach by next summer.

City closes in on Crescent Beach cleanup method

By **RONNY REYES** and **MIKE CONN**

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For 10 years, Glen Cove's Crescent Beach has been closed due to bacterial contaminants found in the stream that empties out into the beach.

Although the level of contamination has changed over the decade and has been mostly concentrated to water 4 feet from the coast, there have been instances when the concentration of bacteria has been 1,000 times higher than what is deemed safe for humans, according to repeated testing by Save the Sound, a nonprofit organization based in New Haven, Conn., dedicated to preserving the Long Island Sound and the communities on its coastlines.

Save the Sound gave Crescent Beach a D rating on its 2019 analysis, one of the lowest ratings among Long Island Sound's 204 beaches. But all that could be coming to an end as a report from H2M, the architecture and engineering firm the city hired to help come up with solutions to clean the polluted stream, nears completion. Among some of the preliminary options, Glen Cove City Mayor Timothy Tenke highlighted three possible solutions during a Glen Cove Pre-Council meeting on Aug. 20.

"One of the proposals we're hearing about would be to install helix filter systems in two locations to clean the storm water and deal with the contamination at the beach," Tenke said.

The helix filters would essentially clean filter water through the use of centrifugal force, where the filters spin at a high velocity to separate heavier particles away from the water and flush the accumulated mass. Tenke said these filters were relatively simple to use, added no real noise pollution and wouldn't disturb the environment, as they would be encased in a pipe.

The city also mulled the possibility of

air stripping, which entails using closed treatment systems that pump air through water to remove volatile organic compounds from the water. Such systems can be relatively loud, so they would be enclosed to avoid noise pollution at the private properties along Crescent Beach. An ultraviolet purification system, which destroys microorganisms concentrated UV lighting, was yet another possibility.

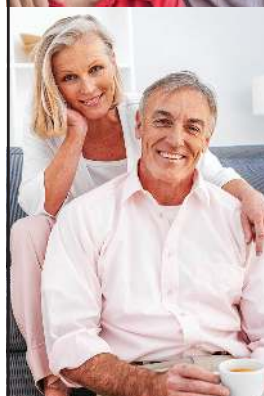
For Sarah Meyland, the associate professor at New York Institute of Technology who oversees the school's Center for Water Resources Management, clean up at Crescent Beach could be accomplished by constructing simulated wetlands. The stream flowing onto Crescent Beach, she said, is a perfect candidate for such a process.

"Wetlands are naturally a water filter system," she said. "As water migrates through a wetland, water quality is improved."

The roots of plants in wetlands — especially sea grasses — can soak up harmful bacteria, Meyland explained. And the bacteria and other microorganisms already present in wetlands soil can kill intrusive bacteria. As a result, water flowing through these wetlands can come out much cleaner than when it entered them.

Heather Johnson, executive director of Friends of the Bay in Oyster Bay, said that natural solutions such as Meyland's suggestion are almost always preferable to machinery-based methods. They typically have more long-term benefits, Johnson said, and tend to be safer means of pollution control. "It usually seems to work best when we work with Mother Nature," she said.

Grant Newburger, public relations officer for Glen Cove, said that the city would weigh all its options once H2M's report comes out in the near future. He said that the city was hoping to start the cleaning process as soon as possible in order to open the beach by the summer of 2020.



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City begins 2019 roadwork project

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For two years, Elizabeth Avenue has been one of the most deteriorated roads in the City of Glen Cove. This short but steep road is covered in cracks and broken asphalt, with patches of grass growing out of the splits. In 2017, the senior residents who lived at 10 Elizabeth Ave. reached out to the Department of Public Works to ask that something be done to fix up the road, and while the city completed a thorough analysis of all its roads that year, it was unable to bring the proper fixes to Elizabeth Avenue.

But Elizabeth Avenue is now at the top of the city's 2019 Roads and Drainage Improvements project after the city finalized its contract with Road Work Ahead Inc. on Aug. 23. In the \$1.3 million contract, Road Work Ahead, Inc., a Westbury-based company that specializes in heavy and highway road construction, agreed to complete comprehensive road and drainage improvements on 14 streets in Glen Cove, including the road and parking lot work for the new Tiegerman Middle School, formerly the Coles School, at 100 Glen Cove Ave.

"We're starting with the Tiegerman School and expecting to finish up by the end of the year," DPW Director Lou Saulino

Scheduled road work for 2019

- Tiegerman Middle School site: construct parking lot and entrance road and drainage overlay
- Cove Street: storm drain line repair, pavement restoration
- Elizabeth Street: mill and pave
- Glendale Drive: reconstruction and pave
- Laurie Place: curb replacement, mill and pave
- Hendrick Avenue: curb replacement, mix-in-place and pave
- Hendrick Avenue East: mil, base repair and pave
- Highfield Road: mill, base repair and
- Harwood Drive East and West: curb replacement, mill and pave
- McLoughlin Street: replace two catch basins, mill and pave
- Rooney Court: catch basin installation, curb replacement and curb in cul-de-sac and mill and pave
- Southland Drive: curb replacement, mix-in-place and pave
- Tulane Road: curb replacement, mix-in-place and pave
- Williams Street: full curb replacement, mix-in-place and pave

no said.

According to engineers at the LiRo Group, a Long Island-based company that provides construction management, engineering, environmental, architectural and program management solutions, another survey of the roads was complet-

ed in 2018. LiRo then gave each road a rating between one and 10 based on all the defects present at the roads, including potholes, large cracks and curb defects. Saulino said that the ones with the lowest scores were given top priority for the 2019 improvement project.

Saulino first presented the project for approval during an emergency City Pre-Council meeting on Aug. 13 to receive early approval for the contract. Saulino explained that it was important that the work get done as early as possible because road paving can be difficult in cold weather and most asphalt plants close in the winter. The contract with Road Work Ahead, Inc., was unanimously approved by the City Council.

"Each street has different needs that are outlined in the project, and whatever needs to be done is going to be done," City Councilman Kevin Maccarone said.

Saulino also pushed for additional work to be done at Pulaski Street by the downtown parking garage and at Glen Street, where a water main break occurred in July that caused flooding in the downtown. Saulino said he was worried the current repairs at Glen Street might not hold up over the winter, so he hoped the city would allocate additional funds to the project in the fall.

The City Council also mulled the inclusion of Glen Cove Road near the city's firehouse and St. Andrews Lane by the Glen Cove Hospital.

At press time on Aug. 28, the DPW had begun roadwork at the Tiegerman School.

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce springs up

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merce on the North Shore.

"When you're talking by yourself in a community meeting, no one really hears you," Padilla said. "But when you have the backing of hundreds of businesses, things are different. Business equals a voice in the community."

Barron, 46, an assistant principal at Evergreen Charter School in Hempstead and Peruvian immigrant, volunteered to become a member of the chamber's executive board because, he said, while there were a number of organizations that helped Latinos on Long Island's South Shore, there was little support for the community in the north. Language and cultural differences, Barron said, created a barrier between Latino business owners and the usual resources and organizations that were supposed to help them. A Hispanic Chamber of Commerce would appeal to those businesses and connect them with the help that they needed.

Barron said he hopes the chamber can recruit 300 businesses in its first year. It is focusing on businesses in Glen Cove, Port Washington and Huntington, which have large Latino populations, and plans to recruit an additional 100 businesses every year after. Annie Spiers, 42, who does marketing and business administration work in Huntington and is the organization's secretary, said she wanted it to become the go-to group that local businesses come to for help. Because a lot of older Latino business owners tend to focus on running their businesses from day to day, Spiers



FROM TOP LEFT, James Barron, Gabriel Rodriguez, Ever Padilla, and bottom left, Annie Spiers and Elsa Valle plan to officially debut the North Shore Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of New York in September.

said, they overlook the importance of marketing, and limit their opportunities to grow.

"They can also lack a lot of management skills and have no accounting system, and you see them go out of business because of that," Spiers said. "We can help them with that and provide networking opportunities within the business

community."

Gabriel Rodriguez, 42, of Coram, added that older Latino business owners began their businesses in order to provide for their families. Rodriguez, the chamber's treasurer, explained that focusing solely on operations and profits keeps businesses from getting involved in their communities. With their own chamber, he said,

Latino businesses can make their presence known on the North Shore, by, for example, providing support for youth programs.

Barron said that the chamber plans to host a handful of multicultural events this year, and hopes to create college scholarships for Latino students studying business. "We want the business community to be a partner," he said, "and support the communities they call home."

Padilla added that while the chamber would focus on the needs of Latino businesses, it would also be open to any and all business owners who would like to improve their relationships with the Latino community and learn how to best serve that demographic. With the Latino population on the rise, he said, businesses should come to see them as employees, clients and competitors.

As the new chamber's executive members work to finish the organization's website, set to launch the first week of September, Padilla hopes to secure a location for an opening ceremony on Sep. 14. Though the initial membership recruit will focus on Glen Cove, Huntington and Port Washington, if the organization meets its 300-member goal in 2020, Padilla said, he hopes to expand its reach as far east as the Hamptons.

"Glen Cove is changing every day," he said, "and with the developments happening in Village Square, it's going to be big for businesses in the next few years. And we need to be organized to have our seat at the table."

Former Glen Cove man arrested for car break-ins

The Glen Cove Police Department reported the arrest of a former Glen Cove resident in connection to a slew of vehicle break-ins that took place in the city throughout August.

Officers reported that 10 car larcenies took place in Glen Cove, many of which occurred when the vehicles were left unlocked. As a result, patrols were increased in the areas of the larcenies. Then on the night of Aug. 23, seven cars were illegally entered on the Glen Cove side of Frost Pond Road. A following investigation led to the arrest of Kenneth Giambruno, 35. Police are currently continuing their investigation into the break-ins and hope to make further arrests soon.

In a news release, Detective Lieutenant John Nagle advised residents to make sure their vehicles were locked at night, their alarms on and to try to park under motion-activated lights whenever possible.

“Do not keep valuable items in plain view inside your vehicle, it just entices a thief that much more,” Nagle warned. “Don’t ever keep an extra set of keys in your vehicle, and never leave your wallet containing cash and credit cards inside the vehicle.”



Courtesy Glen Cove PD

KENNETH GIAMBRUNO

Car larcenies have been on the uptick throughout Nassau County, according to Nassau County Problem-Oriented Police Officers. As the police handle the county-wide issue, they advised that those with video cameras in their house cooperate with police when officers investigate these larceny cases.



Courtesy Office of State Sen. Jim Gaughran

STATE SEN. JIM Gaughran, at the podium, called for a local crackdown on drunk boating on Aug. 28. Glen Cove Harbor officials, local elected officials and Gina Lieneck, to his left-center, joined him.

County to crackdown on BWI this weekend

After Gina Lieneck lost her daughter, Brianna, 13 years ago from the actions of an intoxicated boater, she became a boating safety advocate and proponent of cracking down on drunken boaters on Long Island. Lieneck joined State Sen. Jim Gaughran, Nassau County Executive Laura Curran and County District Attorney Madeline Singas in Glen Cove on Aug. 28 as the officials announced a step-up in boating enforcement for the Labor Day weekend.

“Today we make unequivocally

clear [that] intoxicated boating has no place on our waterways,” Gaughran said. “When you boat while intoxicated you not only jeopardize your life, but the lives of those on board your vessel and every boater around you, a horror Gina Lieneck knows all too well. Everyone deserves to have an enjoyable holiday weekend and Glen Cove’s increased patrols will protect boaters and our waterways.”

Singas added that her office could prosecute those arrested for BWI.

CRIME WATCH

Arrests

■ A male, 45, of Glen Cove, was arrested on Aug. 18, on Walnut Road, for strangulation, criminal mischief and assault.

■ A male, 43, of Glen Cove, was arrested on Aug. 20, on Forest Avenue, for petit larceny.

■ A male, 29, of Glen Cove, was arrested on Aug. 21, on Landing Road, for aggravated DWI, DWI, operating a moving vehicle under the influence of alcohol and leaving the scene of an auto accident.

■ Two males, 21 and 25, of Hempstead, were arrested on Aug. 22, at Morgan Park, for non-residential use.

■ A male, 28, of Glen Cove, was arrested on Aug. 22, on Glen Street, for false personation, operating a moving vehicle by an unlicensed driver and a vehicle and traffic law equipment violation.

■ A female, 19, of Glen Cove, was arrested on Aug. 23, on Landing Road, for assault and criminal possession of a weapon.

■ A female, 23, of Sea Cliff, was arrested on Aug. 23, on Beach Road, for unlawful possession of marijuana.

■ A male, 20, of Bayville, was arrested on Aug. 23, on Cottage Row, for criminal possession of a controlled substance and vehicle and a traffic law equipment violation.

■ A female, 17, of Glen Cove, was arrested on Aug. 23, on Crescent Beach Road, for criminal possession of a controlled substance.

■ A male, 32, of Glen Cove, was arrested on Aug. 24, on Continental Place, for consuming alcohol in a public space.

■ A male, 35, of Glen Cove, was arrested on Aug. 24, on East Avenue, for attempted petit larceny.

People named in Crime Watch items as having been arrested and charged with violations or crimes are only suspected of committing those acts of which they are accused. They are all presumed to be innocent of those charges until and unless found guilty in a court of law.



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NEWS BRIEFS



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THE FINAL 2019 Downtown Sounds Summer Concert will be held on Aug. 30.

Prince tribute closes Downtown Sounds

The 2019 Downtown Sounds Concert series will host their final show on Aug. 30, with Dean Ford and the Beautiful Ones as they perform the music of Prince. The tribute band takes stage at 7:30 p.m. as they play classic hits from Prince's repertoire.

The Dean Ford and the Beautiful Ones band was formed in 2011 when Ford and his friends played their first Prince tribute show in Portland, Maine. Their show, "Purple Brainz" named after Prince's iconic "Purple Rain" album, is held annually at the Port City Music Hall. The band has played in numerous venues throughout the U.S. and Canada. They've also

played shows with Matt "Doctor" Fink, the keyboardist from Prince's band.

The band owes its success to Prince, who was born Prince Rogers Nelson in Minneapolis in 1958. The musician debuted in 1978 with the album "For You," followed by dozens of hits throughout the 1980s. The "Purple Rain" album that greatly inspired Ford spent 24 consecutive weeks at the top of the Billboard 200 chart and sold 25 million copies worldwide.

Downtown Sounds, which was originally called Jazz in the Square back in 1997, spans throughout July and August, bringing in a free concert every Friday at Village Square.

Funds open for home upgrades

Glen Cove City Mayor and Community Development Agency Chairman Timothy Tenke announced that local seniors and disabled residents could apply for home improvement upgrades through the city's Residential Rehabilitation Program. The program provides funding for home repairs, including energy conservation, code violation remediation and handicap accommodations, for seniors over the age of 60 and persons with disabilities.

"Since the reinstatement of this program in 2014, the CDA has been able to fund 9 projects totaling approximately \$122,000.00," Tenke said. Those projects have included roof/siding replacement, boiler/hot water installation, window/door replacement, ramp and chair lifts, and handicap bathroom accommodations. This is an opportunity where seniors really can take advantage of a great program

that assists many Glen Cove Residents.

Applicants for the project must be Glen Cove residents who have lived in their current homes for more than a year, meet income guidelines and be up to date on their school and property tax payments. A pre-screening application is available in English and Spanish on the CDA's website, www.glencovecda.org. Applications are reviewed on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information, call CDA Executive Assistant Camille Byrne at (516)-676-1625 ext. 112.

"For Glen Cove residents in need, funding from this program can make a substantial improvement to the quality of their home life and we appreciate the support of Nassau County to make this funding available to our Glen Cove residents," CDA Executive Director Ann Fangmann said.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Nearby things to do this week

Labor Day Party at Blu Iguana

Join Blu Iguana for the perfect way to take advantage of a three-day weekend for its Labor Day Party on Sep. 1. The festivities begin at 8 p.m. at 494 Prospect Ave., Sea Cliff. (516) 801-6336.



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Mike DelGuidice and Big Shot give summer a Billy Joel sendoff, on Friday, Aug. 30, at The Paramount. DelGuidice leads his band in a rousing concert that highlights the Piano Man's decades of hits. Like his idol, DelGuidice has become one of the area's most celebrated pianists, touring with both his band and Joel. Info: (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.paramountny.com.



HERALD SPORTS

Hofstra aiming for NCAA tourney berth

BY ANDREW COEN
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On the heels of reaching the doorstep of the NCAA Tournament, Hofstra men's soccer is geared up for a new journey to try and reach the sport's big stage.

Hofstra dropped a heartbreaker in last year's Colonial Athletic Association finals falling to James Madison on penalty kicks after sending the match to overtime late in regulation. The bitter feelings from that cold November afternoon in Harrisonburg, Virginia when an automatic NCAA Tourney bid was on the line have stayed with the returning Pride players and will be used as an extra fuel when tackling a challenging 2019 schedule.

"The returning players have that bitter feeling and they are going to try and use that to their advantage," said longtime head coach Richard Nuttall, who has led Hofstra to four CAA titles with the last occurring in 2015. "Hopefully they use it as motivation."

A key part of last year's run to the CAA title match departed with second-leading scorer Luke Brown transferring to Maryland. With Brown gone, junior Matthew Vowinkel will be tasked with taking on a bigger offensive after leading the Pride with eight goals as a sophomore. Returning goal scorers Oscar Ramsay, Storm Strongin, Peter Meyer, Luca Tausch and Lennart Seuffer along with University of South Carolina transfer Petter Soelberg and freshman Jason Ramirez give Hofstra multiple weapons to keep opposing defenses on their toes.

"We have quality players all around on offense," Nuttall said.

Hofstra will also have a void to fill on the backline after the graduation of 2018 CAA Defensive Player of the Year Sean Nealis, who is now suiting up for Major League Soccer's New York Red Bulls. Nuttall is looking for senior Adam Savill as well as freshmen Frederik Rieper, Stone Strongin and Shane Salmon to step up on the defensive end. Salmon, a West Hempstead native, was an All-Catholic League selection down the road from Hofstra at Uniondale's Kellenberg Memorial.

Graduate student keeper Alex Ashton gives the Pride experience in net after earning All-CAA Third-Team honors last year with a .090 goals against average and



ALEX ASHTON STARTED 17 games for the Pride last season and posted nine shut-outs and a 0.90 goals against average.

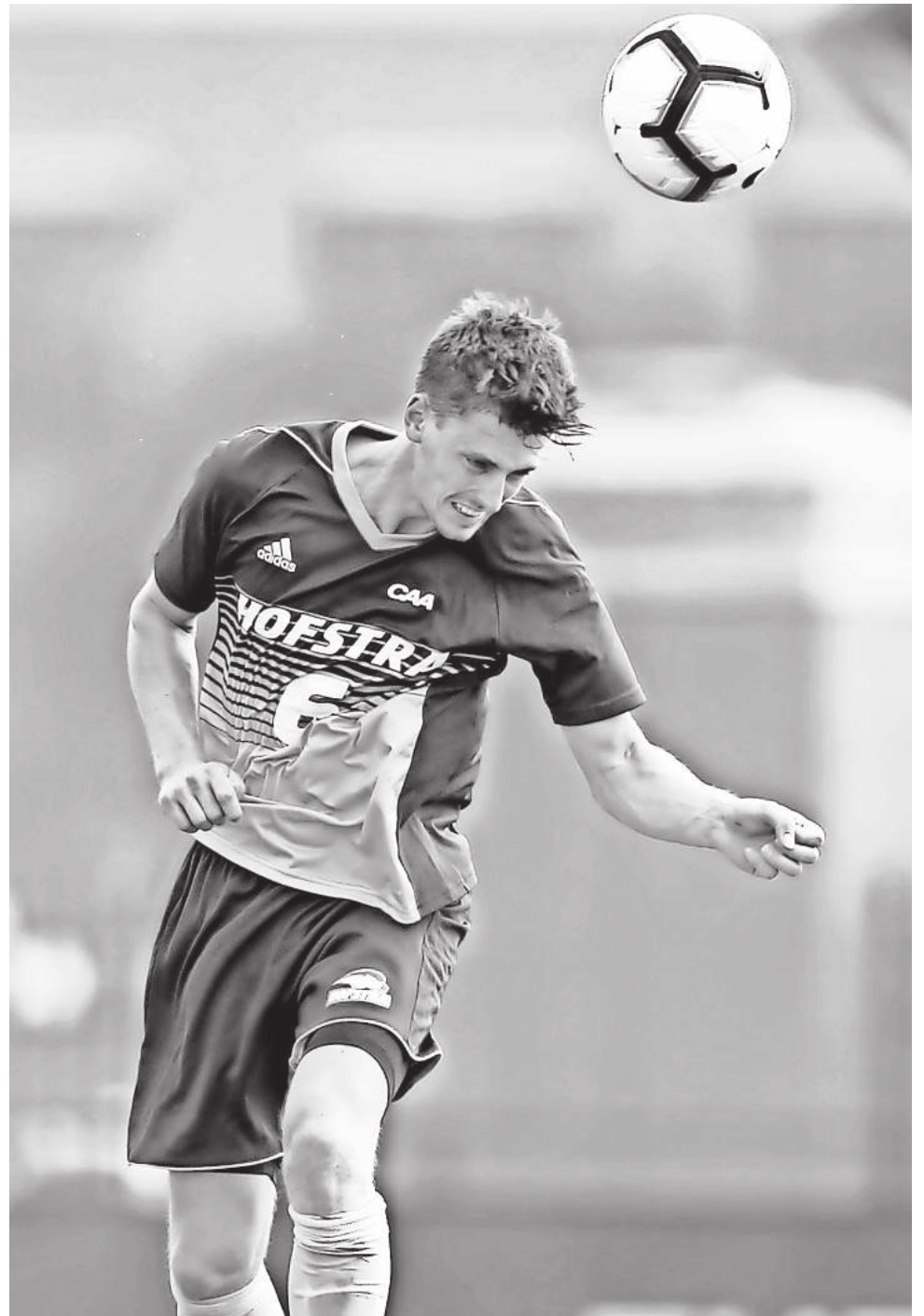
60 saves. Sophomore Alex Dudley, who transferred from St. John's last year, and freshman Duncan Wegner are also competing for time in goal.

"He is one of the best keepers in the conference and maybe the best," said Nuttall of Ashton, who posted nine shutouts last year.

Hofstra was picked to finish third in the nine-team CAA behind JMU and UNCW. Vowinkel was named to the preseason All-CAA First Team voted upon by the league's head coaches.

Nuttall has once again set Hofstra up with a grueling non-conference slate that kicks off at home on Friday at home against Fordham at 5:30 p.m. Hofstra's non-conference slate is also highlighted by a neutral site meeting with ACC power Virginia Tech on Sept. 8 and a local rivalry home battle against Stony Brook on Sept. 18. The Pride also host nearby non-conference opponents Long Island University on Oct. 1, Seton Hall on Oct. 16 and Columbia to close the regular season on Nov. 5.

"We have some quality teams on the schedule," Nuttall said. "It's a nice mixture."



Photos courtesy of Hofstra Athletics Communications

SOPHOMORE LUCA TAUSCH started all but one game a year ago and can contribute at forward and midfield.

Hofstra opens CAA play early in the season at JMU in a rematch of last year's CAA finals on Sept. 6. The Pride's home conference opener will be a Saturday night

meeting with Elon on Sept. 21 at 7 p.m. All Hofstra home matches are free of charge. For further information on the Pride's schedule, log onto gohofstra.com.

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By MAUREEN LENNON

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Stephanie Gladkowski
Retired



I would travel and take my boat to the Galapagos Islands in South America, where Charles Darwin discovered so much. I would love to explore the extraordinary island with so much amazing wildlife.

Robert Weltner
President SPLASH



I would take my boat across to Africa. I would love to explore the marine life and the wild life. The first thing I would do is to surf the waves of Africa.

Chanse Roselli
Financial



I would go island hopping in the Caribbean. I would love to photograph all of the beautiful wildlife and sea life.

Ellen Lee Galopskos
Retired



I would travel to the Fiji Islands to go scuba diving. I would open a brewery there. It's such a beautiful place.

Bobby Carlo
Brand Manager



I would take my boat over to the Mediterranean to Monte Carlo. I would love to relax and sight see from the shoreline. I would also love to go paddle boarding too.

Paula Rantinella
Business Owner

HERALD Crossword Puzzle

King Crossword

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- 8 Detergent brand
- 12 Savings plan acronym
- 13 Actor LaBeouf
- 14 Moby Dick's pursuer
- 15 Insect repellents
- 17 "— Lisa"
- 18 Harbor structure
- 19 Asian nation
- 20 Not intoxicated
- 22 Actor Newman
- 24 On in years
- 25 San Francisco carriage
- 29 Under the weather
- 30 Divine
- 31 "... and seven years —"
- 32 1776 crossing site
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- 42 Stump

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- 47 On
- 48 Carnival city
- 49 Do as you're told
- 50 Say it isn't so
- 51 Tackle's teammate
- 8 Mexican entree
- 9 Breakfast chain acronym
- 10 Carvey or Delany
- 11 Abba of Israel
- 16 Piper's adjective
- 19 Seventh of a series
- 20 Put into words
- 21 Leer at
- 22 Chaplain
- 23 Competent
- 25 Layer
- 26 Marshmallow toaster
- 27 Chills and fever
- 28 Decays
- 30 Verdon or Stefani
- 33 Carelessness?
- 34 Couch
- 36 Lightweight boxer?
- 37 Norway's capital
- 38 Organization
- 39 Relaxation
- 40 "Be a sport"
- 42 Scoundrel
- 43 Corroded
- 44 Martini ingredient
- 45 Affirmative action?

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Glen Cove left with no acting controller

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firm, audited the city in February. The audit revealed that the city had paid nearly \$500,000 in health care premiums for six retirees who did not qualify for coverage. On July 2, as the city addressed the issue, the controller's office received a request from City Councilwoman Pamela Panzenbeck to create a list of all city employees currently contributing to the health care fund. Clarkson said that as soon as she got the request, she checked the mayor's files and found that those deductions had not been made on his paychecks.

Clarkson claims she contacted the mayor that day, and told him about the problem on July 16, two days before the Newsday story appeared.

The city's public relations officer, Grant Newburger, said that the mayor was not notified about the issue until July 16, and that two days was not enough time to address it before the information was made public. In a statement about the paycheck error, Tenke said that the city's Human Resources Department sends bimonthly reports to the controller's office, advising it of all employee health care benefit deductions that should be made each pay period, and that the controller's office failed to make those deductions. Clarkson said the Human Resources Department was to blame for the errors.

"This is what happens when a duly elected mayor is forced to use a holdover political appointee to provide financial checks and balances for the city," Tenke wrote in his statement. (Former Mayor Reggie Spinello, a Republican, hired Clarkson in 2016.) "I am now forced to defend a baseless accusation designed to undermine me. This is pure obstructionist politics."

Tenke requested that New York state Comptroller Tom DeNapoli conduct an audit of the city controller's office, and later the H.R. Department, on July 23.

Clarkson warned the city that without a controller, paychecks would be delayed

and the proper deductions might not be made. She also said that a third employee, whom she did not name, also had an error on paycheck that "could be counted as Medicare fraud until it's corrected." Newburger said he was not aware of this third case.

While paychecks were delayed on Aug. 22, city officials said that everyone received them by the end of the day. The mayor's office stated that the delay was caused by a Civil Service Employees Association representative who said that only the controller could distribute the checks.



Ronny Reyes/Herald Gazette

ATTORNEY TIP HENDERSON is representing Sandra Clarkson as she petitions Nassau County Supreme Court to reinstate her as Glen Cove city controller. Henderson asked Mayor Timothy Tenke to resolve the issue before they enter litigation at a City Council meeting on Tuesday.

Glen Cove CSEA President Maureen Pappachristou said she had given the mayor's office two days' notice about the potential payroll issue, and that the office had failed to act on time. In a statement, she wrote that the issue was that the city had no controller.

Marsha Silverman, the only other Democratic member of the City Council besides Tenke, said that not having a controller would not hurt the city's management, as evidenced by the fact that paychecks were distributed on the day they usually are. Silverman added that everything the controller would normally do has been and can be done by other city officials.

"Controller is an important position, but not one that's desperately needed to operate the city," Silverman said. "I think the mayor should be allowed to bring in people he can trust to work with. It should be about qualifications, not party affiliation."

At a City Council meeting on Tuesday, former Councilman Ron Watson, who voted to hire Clarkson under Spinello, said Tenke should allow Clarkson to return until a replacement can be found. "How did we get to this point, to have Glen Cove without its controller?" Watson asked a room full of residents. Then he addressed Tenke, saying, "Let Sandra do her job for her now until you can bring your own person in."



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THE GLEN COVE Angler's Club held their annual Mayor's Snapper Derby on Aug. 17.

Glen Cove celebrates Snapper Derby

More than 50 children came out to the Pryibil Beach Fishing Pier for the Glen Cove Anglers Club's 2019 Mayor's Snapper Derby on Aug. 17. The annual event invites Glen Cove's youth to a friendly fishing contest to see who can catch the biggest snapper.

Angler Club Commodore Sal Groe said the event was now more than 60 years old and that he had fond memories of his own childhood days at the Snapper Derby. Although this year's contest had a lower turnout than usual, people were still excited to come out, some for the first time in a long time. Tim Benzinger, who used to come out with his dad, Luke, years ago returned with his own son, Andy.

"We've got three generations fishing out here," Tim said. "It's great to share some of the memories I made with my dad here."

At the end of Snapper Derby, Olivia Conway came out on top in the Junior Division, followed by Avery Kormoski and Sam McCrindle. Charlie Guastella took first place in the Senior Division, with Cristina Guastella in second and Teddy Matussa captured third. David Maldonado received perhaps the biggest honor of the day when he was named best angler.

-Ronny Reyes



FIFTY-TWO KIDS AND their parents flocked the pier to see who could catch the biggest snapper.

ANNA VULIN, 3, one of the youngest kids at the Snapper Derby, sent her line out.

CHARLIE GUASTELLA, THE winner of the derby, brought his snappers to be weighed at the judge's table.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, August 29

Art hanging at Locust Valley Library

Locust Valley Library, 170 Buckram Road, Locust Valley, 10:30 a.m. Carol A. Bruder, Rosanne Kaloustian and Nancy Wernersbach will set up their artworks. This delightful multimedia art exhibit will be on display from Sept. 7 through Oct. 27. All are welcome to view the works of these very talented Long Island artists. (516) 671-1837.

Jimmy Moore at S.C. Memorial Park

Sea Cliff Memorial Park, 130 Prospect Ave., Sea Cliff, 7 p.m. Join Jimmy Moore for this summer's finale of Summer Serenade for an evening of Broadway medleys from a wide variety of classic musicals. (516) 671-0080.

Budget hearing & meet the candidates

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 7 p.m. Learn about the library's proposed budget and then meet the candidates running for positions on the Library Board of Trustees. (516) 759-8300.

Saturday, August 24

Sea Cliff outdoor market

St. Luke's Episcopal Church courtyard, 253 Glen Ave., Sea Cliff, 9 a.m. Shop from a selection of locally grown vegetables, fresh eggs, flowers, baked goods, local honey, plant-based prepared meals and snacks, jams, soaps and more. Weekly guest artists and craft vendors will also be on site. Ongoing every Saturday through Oct. 26. (516) 318-5487.

Tuesday, September 3

Brain fitness class

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 2 p.m. Victoria Lanza will teach ways to improve memory skills, build brain strength and learn about positive thinking and nutrition for the brain. (516) 676-2130.

Coloring for adults

Locust Valley Library, 170 Buckram Road, Locust Valley, 3 p.m. The benefits of coloring are similar to meditation. Experts suggest that coloring may reduce stress and improve creativity and attention span. Refreshments will be served. (516) 671-1837.

Hooks & Needles

Bayville Free Library, 34 School St., Bayville, 7 p.m. This knitting and crocheting group meets all year long to make items for the VA, UCP, Regina House and the Brooke Jackman Foundation. Knitters can join them to work on items for these charities or work on their own project while meeting new friends. No instructor present. (516) 628-2765.

Wednesday, September 4

Traditional music jam

Gold Coast Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head, 7 p.m. Musicians are invited to bring their instruments for a traditional music jam in which people will call out their favorite songs and others will do their best to play along. Any and all



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7th Annual Nicholas Pedone 5K race

Runners of all ages are welcome to race in the 7th Annual Nicholas Pedone 5K on Sept. 1. Support will be benefiting the Nicholas Pedone Foundation, an organization which provides smiles for courageous children battling cancer. The event is held in September every year in honor of childhood cancer awareness month and the goal is to flood the streets in gold. Check in starts at 7 a.m. at Glen Cove High School at 150 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove. The race kicks off at 9 a.m., and registration is \$35 on race day and \$30 if runners preregister. \$1,000 prizes will be given to the top three finishers in each category. (516) 531-3323.

instruments, including vocals, are welcome, and participants are encouraged to bring their own chord and lyric sheets for others to view. (516) 759-8300.

Thursday, September 5

That 70's Band at The Pool

Glen Cove Mansion, 200 Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, 6 p.m. Dine, drink and dance with That 70's Band with tunes that bring listeners back to the heyday of rock and roll, funk and disco. There will be a \$28 lobster roll special and seating depends on the amount spent on beverages. (516) 674-2955.

Friday, September 6

Finger paint fun

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 10:30 a.m. Preschoolers ages 2 through 5 will enjoy finger painting a picture and an apron. Participants should dress to mess. (516) 676-2130.

Saturday, September 7

SAT/ACT practice test

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 1:30 p.m. High schoolers can take a combined practice test for the SAT and ACT. Attendees should bring their own calculator. (516) 676-2130.

"Welcome Home" celebration

Glen Cove Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove, 2:45 p.m. On Sept. 6, 1919,

over 2,000 Sea Cliff residents participated in a 'Welcome Home Celebration' to honor 169 returning World War I veterans and eight of their fallen colleagues with a gala parade, picnic and concert in Clifton Park. It was at this event that

eight oak trees were planted and the memorial rock dedicated. The Sea Cliff Board of Trustees and Mayor Lieberman have decided to commemorate the 100th anniversary of that event, while also honoring the many current and past



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Dean Ford & The Beautiful Ones

Enjoy the final Downtown Sounds concert of the summer on Aug. 30, featuring Dean Ford & The Beautiful Ones. Despite legendary musician Prince's death in 2016, this band keeps his legacy alive by performing hit songs with all the enthusiasm and showmanship for which the late artist was known. The show kicks off at 7:30 p.m. at Glen Cove's Village Square at the intersection of Glen and School streets. (516) 759-6790.

service men and women from the community, by holding a parade, picnic and concert in Clifton Park. (516) 671-0080.

Monday, September 9

Fun with knitting

Improve or learn knitting for the first time with the Glen Cove Woman's Club Knitting Group in the Glen Cove Library at 9 a.m. The Knitting Group is seeking new members of all ages and skill levels to join their informal group. Many of the items created during these meetings are donated to charity. Registration is required. (516) 676-2130.

Tai Chi relaxation

Join Linda Cafiero as she teaches the basics of Tai Chi at the Gold Coast Library, at 11 a.m. Although Tai Chi serves as a martial art, it can also help improve balance, reduce pain and improve overall quality of life. (516) 759-8300.

Furniture restyling workshop

Join Carolyn DeCastris, designer and craftswoman, for an introductory furniture painting workshop at the Locust Valley Library at 7 p.m. This is a hands-on class on how to properly prepare, paint and wax wood sample pieces using high quality chalk paint and wax. (516) 671-1837.

Tuesday, September 10

Online job applications

Spanish-speakers are welcomed to learn how to apply for jobs online at the Glen Cove Library at 10:30 a.m. The course is in Spanish and will focus on building resumes, cover letters and preparing applicants for job interviews. (516) 676-2130.

Free senior IDs

Town Supervisor Joseph Saladino and the Town Board are partnering with the Town of Oyster Bay Department of Community and Youth Services to issue free wallet-sized ID cards to any senior living within the Town of Oyster Bay. Seniors must show proof of residency and must be over the age of 60 to obtain an ID Card. No registration required. (516) 671-1837

Wednesday, September 11

Mommy and me yoga

Moms and daddys can practice yoga with their children individually and collectively at the Gold Coast Library at 10 a.m. The exercise uses breathing and yoga postures to bring a state of relaxation to both parent and child. Recommended for kids ages 3 to 5. (516) 759-8300.

HAVING AN EVENT?

Submissions can be emailed to llane@liherald.com.

EMILY RODGERS ESTABLISHED gardening programs for kids at several Glen Cove locations as part of her Girl Scout Gold Award project.



Courtesy Emily Rodgers

Glen Cove scout has green thumb

Glen Cove Girl Scout Emily Rodgers chose to focus her Gold Award project on creating a gardening curriculum for local youths at the Glen Cove Children's and Seed Libraries and the Glen Cove YMCA. The Gold Award is the highest award in the Girl Scouts, which culminates everything that they've learned as a scout in order to create a positive impact on their communities.

With the gardening program, Rodgers has held multiple workshops with local elementary school children to teach them how to maintain a garden, create gardening kids that they can circulate among themselves and the importance of organic gardening. Rodgers also established raised garden beds at the YMCA, which can be utilized by the preschool and summer camp children at the facility.

Suozzi wins Italian heritage award

The Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America awarded U.S. Congressman Tom Suozzi with the Guglielmo Marconi Award, their highest honor, on Aug. 17. Named after the Italian physicist who invented wireless telegraphy, the Marconi award is presented to an Italian American who has made significant contributions to the U.S.

Suozzi, a member of the OSDIA's Glen Cove branch, traveled to San Antonio, where he received praise for his service

as one of two, first-generation Italian-Americans currently serving in Congress. Suozzi thanked the OSDIA for the award and spoke about his father, Joseph's, legacy as an immigrant, a World War II veteran and the youngest elected judge in the history of New York State despite facing discrimination at the time.

"We have been given a great gift in these United States of America and with that gift comes a great obligation to lift others up," said Suozzi.



Photo credit Office of U.S. Congressman Tom Suozzi

U.S. CONGRESSMAN TOM Suozzi, in black at the center, received the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America's Guglielmo Marconi Award on Aug. 17.

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STEPPING OUT

Where to go, what to do, who to see

Tony Babino does Al Jolson Vocalist sets the tone for the yearly Jolson festival

The annual Long Island Jolson Festival has become a local tradition, thanks in part to the acclaimed vocal stylings of Tony Babino. The musician and singer has been delighting Al Jolson fans for years — keeping the memory of the man coined the “world’s greatest entertainer” alive with his renditions of classic Jolson songs. He will once again showcase his talents, on Saturday, Sept. 7, at the festival’s 23rd edition, held at the Knights of Columbus in Oceanside.

Babino was first captivated by Jolson’s songs at about 5-years-old in the early 60s, when “The Jolson Story” (the 1946 film chronicling Jolson’s early life and career), was a popular feature on the “Million Dollar Movie” broadcast. He heard Jolson’s voice coming out of the television, and says that he “not only loved the movie, but his voice was totally different than anything I had ever heard.”

“It just captivated me as it did millions of other people over the years, when Jolson was alive and since he passed,” Babino recalls. “For some reason I was able to closely replicate that voice, and it has been with me my entire life. I’m honored to pay tribute to the man who was the forefather of modern show business.”

According to Babino, the list of Jolson’s extraordinary attributes is endless. He even goes so far as to rank Jolson as one of his heroes (alongside Bobby Darin, Frank Sinatra and the Beatles).

“I think he started American popular music as we know it,” says Babino, who also admires Jolson’s business sense, calling him an entrepreneur. “He had a good sense of what worked and wasn’t afraid to take chances. When he finally made it to Broadway as a young man he set the bar for all others who followed.”

Because 2019 marks the 70th anniversary of “Jolson Sings Again,” the sequel to “The Jolson Story,” Babino says that he and longtime Al Jolson Society President Jan Hernstat will give special



Courtesy Tony Babino

Tony B sings the Jolson standards, always a highlight of the festival.

attention to the songs in the film.

“Jolson is still the only celebrity that had two movies made about his life while he was still alive, and he made millions of dollars from those movies, rightfully so,” he says. In fact, Babino recently took in a showing of the film on a movie theater screen for the first time, and still managed to be moved by its sentiment and power.

“I got kind of emotional hearing Jolson’s voice coming off the big screen. I don’t know if it’s because I’m getting older, but it still resonates,” he says, laughing.

Babino fondly recalls performing at the Ziegfeld Theater as a teenager, and later joining Connie Haines of the Harry James and Tommy Dorsey bands. Later on, thanks to Hernstat, he was given the opportunity

to perform for Evelyn Keyes and Barbara Hale, the actresses who portrayed two of Jolson’s wives in his films. “[Hale] sat literally one foot away from me on that stage. She was a beautiful, nice person, and was really in amazement at what she was hearing. That meant a lot to me.”

Before Babino actually owned a Jolson record, he would listen to one that belonged to his aunt, singing along, learning all of the songs. When he finally read the liner notes, he learned that the singer he had been imitating was not, in fact, Al Jolson; he had been learning Jolson’s songs and sound through Norman Brooks, a Jolson singer himself. Cut to years later, and Babino found himself on stage at a Manhattan restaurant



Courtesy Stan Gerloff

Al Jolson performs on his musical variety program, The Al Jolson Lifebuoy Show, circa 1938.

performing a few numbers with Brooks; a seminal moment in Babino’s long career.

“After the show he said, ‘Hey kid, can you sing in your own voice?’ and I said, ‘I think so, but this is all I’ve been doing since I was a little kid.’ He gave me the best advice when he said, ‘I’m kind of trapped here. I pretty much sound like this all the time. If you have your own voice, use it, make a career, and if you love Jolson that much, you can always pay tribute to Jolson, but you’ve got to be you.’ That was a major moment for me as a singer and as a life experience.”

Babino went on to write a number of songs, and has seen his original work and covers featured in movies, commercials and television shows.

In addition to Babino’s “The Heart of Al Jolson,” this year’s festival features “The Immortal Jolson, a revamped episode of “Hollywood and the Stars.” Jonathan Smith and Bob Greenberg will also be on hand with some comic relief as they take on Laurel & Hardy.

Attendees can meet Eddie Cantor’s grandson, Brian Gari, and participate the annual auction (at which everyone is welcome to make donations).

As for Babino, he says he always gets requests to sing in his own voice amidst Jolson staples like “Swanee” and “My Mammy,” and he is happy to accommodate. “What we really want to accomplish year after year is having fun and keeping the memory and legacy of Jolson alive. That’s what it’s all about.”

For more information or to obtain tickets, call Jan Hernstat at (516) 678-3524.

— Iris Wiener

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IN CONCERT

Martin Sexton

The soulful singer travels the concert circuit with his acoustic guitar and a suitcase full of heartfelt songs. For nearly 20 years (and nine albums later), Sexton has channeled his love of soulful folk, blues, rock and

pop music into accessible, emotional songs that recall the work of Van Morrison and Otis Redding. Always trying out new material as well as reinventing his own classics, with what Rolling Stone has described as his “soul-marinated voice,” he blends musical genres into a sound that’s uniquely his. Still fiercely independent and headlining venues from The Fillmore to Carnegie Hall, he has influenced a generation of contemporary artists. His honest lyrics and vocal prowess keep fans coming back for a new experience every time at his shows, which often include



WEEKEND

Out and About

“Black Sheep,” “Diner,” “Happy,” “There Go I,” and his widely respected version of “Hallelujah.”

Friday, Aug. 30, 8 p.m. \$60. My Father’s Place at the Roslyn Hotel, 1221 Old Northern Blvd., Roslyn. (516) 413-3535 or www.myfathersplace.com.

HISTORICAL SALUTE

Honoring American GIs

The Museum of American Armor honors those who served in the military’s armor divisions during “Tanker Foes.” Just inside the grounds of Old Bethpage Village Restoration, the museum will recreate a military armored column that replicates the sights and sounds of World War II allied forces fighting the enemy in the field. The legendary Sherman tank and M18 Hellcat will face off against German armor with an expected surprise visit of a replica Tiger tank, one of the most feared weapons



on the World War II battlefield. Other armor in operation will include a Cold War U.S. M48 Patton tank, an amphibious U.S. Marine LVT Amtrac used to attack Japanese occupied islands, a British Bren Carrier, along with a broad range of other historic military vehicles. Multimedia displays augment the display of vehicles and visitors can also see tanks under repair and restoration.

Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 31-Sept. 1, 10 a.m. -3 p.m. \$12, \$8 seniors and children. Museum of American Armor, 1303 Round Swamp Rd., Old Bethpage. (516) 454-8265 or www.museumofamericanarmor.com.

Performances/ On Stage

Jimmy Moore

The musician in concert, at the finale of the Sunset Serenade series, Thursday, Aug. 29, 7 p.m. Memorial Park, Sea Cliff.

Lil Tjaj

The rapper in concert, Thursday, Aug. 29, 8 p.m. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.paramountny.com.

Les Dudek Band

The acclaimed guitarist-songwriter and his band in concert, Thursday, Aug. 29, 8 p.m. My Father's Place at the Roslyn Hotel, 1221 Old Northern Blvd., Roslyn. 413-3535 or www.myfathersplace.com.

Dean Ford and The Beautiful Ones

The Prince tribute band in concert, during the Downtown Sounds summer concert series, Friday, Aug. 30, 7:30 p.m. Village Square Plaza at Glen, School and Bridge St., Glen Cove. Visit www.glencovedowntown.org for more information.

Julius Caesar

Shakespeare's tale of politics and ambition, Friday, Aug. 30, 8 p.m.; Sunday, Sept. 1, 7 p.m. Carriage House Players, Vanderbilt Museum, 180 Little Neck Rd., Centerport. (631) 854-5579 or www.vanderbiltmuseum.org.

Mike DeGuidice

The acclaimed singer-songwriter and his band in a tribute to Billy Joel, Friday, Aug. 30, 8 p.m. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.paramountny.com.

Glass Bottom Soul

The funk/rock/soul band in concert, Saturday, Aug. 31, 9 p.m. Still Partners, 225 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff. 200-9229 or www.stillpartners.com.



Umphrey's McGee

The rock band in concert, Saturday, Aug. 31, 7 p.m. With Big Something. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.paramountny.com.

Traditional Music Jam

Bring an acoustic instrument and voice and join in or just listen, Wednesday, Sept. 4, 7 p.m. Gold Coast Public Library, 50 Railroad Ave., Glen Head. 759-8300 or www.goldcoastlibrary.org.

Donna The Buffalo

The band in concert, Thursday, Sept. 5, 8 p.m. My Father's Place at the Roslyn Hotel, 1221 Old Northern Blvd., Roslyn. 413-3535 or www.myfathersplace.com.

Alfio

The Australian-Italian tenor in concert, Fri-



Marianas Trench

The progressive pop band visits Tilles Center, on Sunday, Sept. 15, at 7 p.m.

Their latest tour gives fans more of an up-close-and personal live experience. It features the powerhouse Vancouver, Canada-based quartet's signature high-energy performance, while showcasing material from their new studio album "Phantoms" in addition to hits from their previous albums.

The band has consistently raised the musical bar in both the studio and via their explosive live shows. Bassist Mike Ayley says: "It's been a long time since our last show [on Long Island]. We can't wait to show you our new songs from Phantoms on the Suspending Gravity Part Two Tour."

Tickets are \$48 and \$38; available at (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.tillescenter.org.

Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, LIU Post, Route 25A, Brookville.

day, Sept. 6, 8 p.m. Program in cludes beloved classics, pop standards and original tunes. Jeanne Rimsky Theater, 232 Main St., Port Washington (914) 361-9333 or www.landmarkonmainstreet.org.



Jeffrey Gaines

The singer-songwriter in concert, Friday, Sept. 6, 8 p.m. My Father's Place at the Roslyn Hotel, 1221 Old Northern Blvd., Roslyn. 413-3535 or www.myfathersplace.com.

Pablo Francisco

The improv-based comedian on tour, Friday, Sept. 6, 8 p.m. The Paramount, 370 New York Ave., Huntington. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.paramountny.com.

Scofflaws

The ska band in concert, Friday, Sept. 6, 8:30 p.m. Still Partners, 225 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff. 200-9229 or www.stillpartners.com.

Yacht Rock

A soft rock showcase, Saturday, Sept. 7, 8 p.m. With Ambrosia ("How Much I Feel," "Biggest Part of Me"), John Ford Coley ("Nights Are Forever Without You," "I'd Really Love to See You Tonight"), Peter Beckett ("Baby Come Back," "How Long"), Robbie Dupree ("Steal Away") and Elliot Lurie ("Brandy"). Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, LIU Post, Rte. 25A, Brookville. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com or www.tillescenter.org.

Sunset Boulevard

Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical adaptation of

the award-winning 1950 film about a faded star of the silent screen era, Thursday and Friday, Sept. 12-13, 8 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 14, 3 and 8 p.m.; Sunday, Sept. 15, 2 p.m. John W. Engeman Theater, 250 Main St., Northport. (631) 261-2900 or www.engemantheater.com.

For the Kids

Story Tots

investigate color, shape, form and texture with art activities based on a story, Friday, Aug. 30, 10-11 a.m. Listen to story books read aloud while exploring various art materials and processes. Story time is followed by an art project. For ages 3-5. Registration required. Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor. 484-9338 or www.nassaumuseum.org.

Cottage Imagination Station

Visit Peggie Phipps' childhood cottage for independent playtime designed to spur imaginative and creative fun, Sunday, Sept. 1, 12-4 p.m. Build, observe, ponder and foster imagination at the discovery space. Old Westbury Gardens, 71 Westbury Rd., Old Westbury. 333-0048 or www.oldwestbury.org.

The Wiggles' Party Time

The popular Australian children's group on tour with their latest live version of their TV series, Wednesday, Sept. 4, 6:30 p.m. NYCB Theatre at Westbury, 960 Brush Hollow Rd, Westbury. (800) 745-3000 or www.ticketmaster.com.

Pizza and Paperbacks

A book discussion for second-graders and up, Wednesday, Sept. 4, 3 p.m.; also Friday, Sept. 6, 12 p.m. (for children entering Kindergarten in 2019) and 3 p.m. (Kindergarten and Grade 1). Registration required. Sea Cliff Library, 300 Sea Cliff Ave., Sea Cliff. 671-4290 or www.seaclifflibrary.org.

Museums/Galleries and more

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Harlem Hellfighters

A groundbreaking exhibit about the World War I African-American Army unit, consisting of 33 men from the Glen Cove area. North Shore Historical Museum, 140 Glen St., Glen Cove. 801-1191 or www.nshmgc.org.

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An exhibition that showcases the acclaimed artist's larger-than-life role in the golden era of pulp fiction, unfolding in more than 80 original illustrations from the artist's private collection, almost all publicly exhibited for the first time. Originally featured in magazines such as Stag, Male, and For Men Only in the '50s, '60s, and '70s, the illustrations brought to life headlines that screamed adventure. Through Nov. 17. Heckscher Museum of Art, Main St. and Prime Ave., Huntington. (631) 351-3250 or www.heckscher.org

60 Years of Music in the Park

An exhibition tribute to the Morgan Park Summer Music Festival. Through Sept. 7. North Shore Historical Museum, 140 Glen St., Glen Cove. 801-1191 or www.nshmgc.org.

Theodore Roosevelt:

A Man for the Modern World

An exhibition that celebrates the presidency and legacy of Theodore Roosevelt, who is often considered the first modern president. On view are a collection of historic documents, photographs, and many never before seen artifacts that celebrate TR's major achievements and underscore his legacy. Highlighted objects include family sporting equipment and the license plate from the Roosevelts' automobile, shown alongside presidential gifts such as a book inscribed by Booker T. Washington. Some familiar artifacts from the Roosevelt home are also on display. Sagamore Hill National Historic Site, 20 Sagamore Hill Rd, Oyster Bay. 922-4788 or nps.gov/sagamorehill.

At the Movies

See "The Aftermath," a romantic drama set in post World War II Hamburg about a lonely British military wife who falls for a German widower, Thursday, Aug. 29, 2 and 6:30 p.m.; also "Little," the fantasy comedy that follows an overbearing boss who is transformed into the child version of herself, Thursday, Sept. 5, 2 and 6:30 p.m. Oyster Bay-East Norwich Public Library, 89 East Main St., Oyster Bay. 922-1212.

Literary Walk

A leisurely ramble through Caumsett State

Park, Sunday, Sept. 1, 9:45-11:30 a.m. Hike is interspersed with readings selected to enhance participants' appreciation of the beauty and tranquility of nature. Registration required. Caumsett State Historic Park Preserve, 25 Lloyd Harbor Rd., Huntington. (631) 423-1770.



Seashells...

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An exhibit of seashells from around the world, from the collection of Garvies Point Museum. Garvies Point Museum and Preserve, 50 Barry Dr., Glen Cove. 571-8010 or www.garviespointmuseum.com.

Book Signing

Join boxer Gerry Cooney and co-host of Sirius XM's "Friday Night at the Fights" Randy Gordon as they speak about and sign copies of their new memoirs "Gentleman Gerry" and "Glove Affair," Tuesday, Sept. 3, 7 p.m. Book Revue, 313 New York Ave., Huntington. (631) 271-1442 or www.bookrevue.com.

Summer Stargazers

Join members of the Astronomical Society of Long Island for a nighttime skywatching session Thursday, Sept. 5, 8:30-10 p.m. Old Westbury Gardens, 71 Westbury Rd., Old Westbury. 333-0048 or www.oldwestbury.org.

Barbara Prey

Meet the artist when she appears at Nassau County Museum of Art during its "Artist in Residence" series, Saturday, Sept. 7, 3 p.m. The first woman commissioned more than once by NASA to be an artist in residence, she created the official commemorative print for the space shuttle Columbia. Her firsthand stories of working with NASA are glimpses into the excitement of art's highest-level interaction with science. Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Dr., Roslyn Harbor. 484-9338 or www.nassaumuseum.org.



Friday Flick

See "On the Basis of Sex," the biopic based on the life and early cases of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Friday, Sept. 6, 1:30 p.m. Glen Cove Public Library, 4 Glen Cove Ave., Glen Cove. 676-2130.



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Glen Cove honors Vietnam Veterans

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For Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews, the experience was gut-wrenching. Wiping away tears, he joined veterans and their families at "The Wall That Heals," a 375-foot-long, three-quarter-scale mobile replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial outside the Glen Cove Fire Department on Tuesday. Stevenson-Mathews said he expected to be moved, but was surprised by the depth of his emotions.

He had worked with another Glen Cove resident, Virginia Cervasio, to bring the wall to Glen Cove to be put on display. Cervasio is the founder of Heroes Among Us, an organization that helps veterans returning from services find the resources that can help them and their families. The wall was scheduled to move to Eisenhower Park for three days starting Thursday. Then it will be transported to Plymouth, Pa., one of many future stops as it continues its annual tour across the country, as it's been doing so since 1996.

Stevenson-Mathews said that while he was lucky not to have lost an uncle in Vietnam, many others were not so fortunate. Family members and friends died in Southeast Asia, and they were never able to say goodbye. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., offers closure to many, but many more have never visited it.

"Some people can't make it out to Washington to the real thing, so this removes that barrier and brings it to them," Stevenson-Mathews said. "They can rub it, salute it or just come and see it. It's here for them."

Tony Jimenez, the director of Glen Cove Veterans Affairs, who served as the MC at the event in Glen Cove, said he was also moved by the mobile monument, which, like the original one, displays the names of fellow soldiers he met in Vietnam. Jimenez, said he was honored to lead the ceremony in Glen Cove and happy that his community could serve as



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BIKER "PASTOR STEVE," a Vietnam veteran, led a prayer with Tony Jimenez, left, and Virginia Cervasio. Veterans and members of the honor guard showed their respect for the replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial behind them.

the launching pad for the wall as it heads to Eisenhower Park.

"It's such an honor to be able to host the wall," said Cervasio, 61, of Glen Cove. "We're committed to giving the public something they'll remember for life."

Cervasio's activism began long before she launched Heroes Among Us in 2014. Her son, Angelo, joined the Air Force after he graduated from Locust Valley High School in 2000, and served as an Airman 1st Class in Operation Southern Watch in Iraq for three years before being stationed in Oklahoma City for the remainder of his service. When he

returned home, Angelo "didn't want to talk about anything," his mother recalled. "His whole character was different."

In 2006, six months after his discharge, Angelo died by suicide. He was 24. "You're never going to know why something like this happens," his mother said. "But, personally, I wanted to make something good come of it. I wanted to continue his legacy."

A native of Glen Cove, Cervasio lived in Lee County, Florida, from 2004 to 2014, and after her son died, she founded a non-profit in Florida called Cares Suicide Prevention, sharing Angelo's story and host-

ing educational seminars on the signs she said she missed that led him to take his own life.

When she returned to Glen Cove in 2014, Cervasio continued her advocacy, volunteering for the Long Island Crisis Center, where she has overseen the organization's suicide support group for three months. She earned a degree in sociology from SUNY Old Westbury and founded Heroes Among Us, initially meeting with veterans at her home, but finding office space on Old Country Road, between Westbury and Salisbury, four months ago.

"So many vets have trouble finding their footing, and there are so many resources available to them that they might not know about," said Gary Glick, of North Merrick, the commander of Jewish War Veterans Post 652. "[Cervasio] has been doing so much to help them out."

Heroes Among Us has helped veterans pay their bills, helped them find therapists and organized school supplies drives for their families, among other services. "One vet came to us looking for a guide dog," Cervasio recalled. "We got him one from a breeder just by word of mouth."

Each May the organization hosts a gala to raise funds, to honor veterans who have died and to recognize those who have contributed to their communities. It applied to host the traveling Vietnam memorial last fall, and had prepared for its arrival since it was notified of its acceptance by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund in November.

The wall was scheduled to leave the Fire Department on Tuesday and be escorted roughly 12 miles south on Glen Cove Road with a parade to Eisenhower Park, where it will be on display from Thursday at 10 a.m. until Sunday at 3 p.m.

Tim Tetz, director of outreach for the memorial fund, said he was especially moved by the local veterans who escorted the wall replica in and out of Glen Cove. "These vets on the wall did not have their homecoming," Tetz said, "and this is the homecoming parade they deserve."

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Spectacular sandwiches to go

By CATHI TUROW

During the humid days this month, I've been dashing to cafes, grabbing sandwiches, and rushing home before my hair frizzes. While on my hair-raising travels, I've discovered delicious, new sandwiches in our neighborhood, plus more. So, if you're on frizz alert or just want to enjoy some fantastic foods, I have a few places you can head over to.

■ **Maldon & Mignonette** (243 Glen Cove Ave., Sea Cliff) Since Sunday brunch is now being served in this gourmet café, I stopped by last weekend and had the grilled cheese sandwich of the century. You'll bite into a thin layer of brie, a layer of shiitake mushrooms and arugula, and lots of melted gruyere, nestled between thick, crispy bread. The flavors blend beautifully, and the sandwich adds elegance to a Sunday morning. The chef also creates a new menu every season using

seasonal foods in the most creative ways. Last week, I enjoyed a corn and pasta dish made with the sweetest baby corn kernels I've ever eaten.

■ **Roslyn Social and Kitchen Cocktails** (1363 Old Northern Blvd., Roslyn) Every time I attempt to bake portobello mushrooms, they come out tasting like my grandfather's old shoes. (That's one reason I'm a take-out queen.) Thankfully, in this new café, we can all enjoy perfectly warmed portobello mushrooms on a bun along with avocado, melted swiss and aioli. In this trendy, friendly spot to chat and have a light bite, lots of interesting dishes are offered including beet salad with feta and hazelnuts and Buffalo broccoli with blue cheese and ranch.

■ **Sea Cliff Bagel Café** (478 Glen Cove



CATHI TUROW

Ave., Sea Cliff) If you order a flat bagel sandwich, the chef will put it in a panini press, and voila. You'll have a bage- lini. Wash these great sandwiches down with the new crepes. There are peanut butter and banana with jelly crepes, gelato crepes and the most innovative: "Gebhard's Crumb Crepe" (filled with Bagel Café's signature coffee cake crumbs and sautéed apples). The homemade

pumpkin pie also comes with a twist. Specially fried plantains are sprinkled on top.

■ **Subway** (Glen Head, Glen Cove, Sea Cliff, Greenvale) No matter where I travel, my eyes light up when I see a Subway because I know I can count on a quick, good sandwich to go. The sandwich menu has just exploded. Now, there are lots of wraps you can choose from or build your own. Have a ciabatta sandwich with steak

and provolone or chicken and pesto. Add a slice of mozzarella to any sandwich you choose. Best of all, there's a Fresh Fit sandwich package for kids. It comes with a sandwich that's slightly smaller than a half hero, applesauce and milk. I order it for myself. Why not?

■ **Kitchen Kabaret** (409 Glen Cove Rd., Roslyn Heights) If you're craving cold cuts but don't want to overdo it, go for "The Maxwell." It's a new deli sandwich filled with fresh turkey breast, a thin layer of pastrami and a hint of Russian dressing and coleslaw. You'll love the flavors but won't leave moaning, "Why did I eat all that?" On your way out, grab a jar of Stonewall Kitchen's new jam flavor: Watermelon Jelly. If you ever need to make your own sandwich, it tastes great with a bit of feta.

So, there you have it. Gotta go put conditioner in my hair. See you next month!

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Antoinette Churillo

Antoinette Churillo, 92, of Glen Cove, died on Aug. 15. She was the beloved wife of the late Frank, loving mother of Cynthia (Douglas) Arena and cherished grandmother of Heather and Matthew. Visitation were held at the Whitting Funeral Home, in Glen Head. Funeral Mass held at St. Boniface RC Church, in Sea Cliff. Interment Holy Rood Cemetery.

Richard LaMonica

Richard LaMonica, 86, of Centerport, died on July 1. He was a proud

U.S. Air Force Veteran who served as a radio operator during the Korean War, serving from 1952 to 1956. LaMonica was the beloved husband of Ave, loving

father of Richard (Rose Marie Carrer), Joan, (Eric Grabher) and Andrea, (Derek Stotz). He was also the dear brother of Donald and Michael, grandfather of Alexander and Harper. He was also survived by his faithful companion, an Old-English sheepdog, "Lacy".

Services were held at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home, in Glen Cove. Entombment at Long Island National Cemetery. Donations may be made to National Organization of Disabled American Veterans.

Angelina Zerella

Angelina Zerella, of Glen Cove, died on Aug. 8. She was the beloved sister of Concetta Carparelli, Barbara Bryan (Mickey) and the late John Zerella. She was the dear aunt of Lisa Brala (John), Diane Pascucci, Frank Carparelli (Tiffany) and Angela Bryan. She was also survived by grand nieces and nephews. All services were private through the Whitting Funeral Home, in Glen Head.

Russell Comitino

Russell Comitino, 56, of Glen Cove, died on Aug. 22. He was the devoted son of the late Dominick and Marlene, loving brother of Lisa and Dona, and cherished grandson of Keith, and found nephew and cousin of the Comitino family. Services were held at Fives Funeral Home in Smithtown.

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OPINIONS

The Democrats' best weapon? The Donald.

The long, hot summer is just about over, but unfortunately we haven't been able to avoid the daily barrage of political stories. Every time President Trump issues one of his tweets, the media calls it "breaking news," even though clearly almost none of it is news, and none of its contents will make America great again. And



**JERRY
KREMER**

when it comes to the 20-plus Democratic candidates, no matter what they say, the average voter isn't paying attention. The daily polls of voter sentiment continue to favor former Vice President Joe Biden, and trailing behind him are Senators Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders. I've concluded that there are two main reasons why Biden continues to be at the top of the polls. He has solid name recognition, and he appeals to the voters who want someone who will stop tweeting and get down to the job of running the country. It is also obvious that despite the efforts of the press to find fault with his missteps, Biden continues to get the most

support.

There are many interesting people seeking the Democratic nomination, but I'm convinced that the best thing going for the Democrats is Donald J. Trump. I've been a political junkie since age 6, and at no time in my life has any president been as disruptive a force as the current one. No doubt, Richard Nixon disgraced his country and Bill Clinton embarrassed himself and his followers, but this president has yet to prove that he is even worthy to sit in the Oval Office.

Each day, starting at dawn, we're treated to his avalanche of insults via his telephone, and distraction after distraction in the form of promises and pledges that are usually broken within hours after they're pronounced. In the aftermath of the shootings in El Paso, Texas, and Dayton, Ohio, Trump missed a golden opportunity to help America heal, however briefly. He is so self-absorbed that on his visit to a Dayton hospital, all he could do was brag to the first responders about the size of the crowd at a previous rally and flash a highly inappropriate smile for a photo with a baby who had just lost his parents.

Clinton, Bush and Obama were consolors in chief. Trump is neither consolor nor chief.

It seems like it was only a few days ago that the president, appearing to show concern about mass gun slaughter, promised that he would support a law to mandate background checks for gun buyers, an idea that is supported by 93 percent of Americans. All it took for him to totally reverse himself was a few calls from the National Rifle Association. But given that he's so erratic, it's possible that he'll switch positions a second time depending on his mood of the moment.

Are you happy with the economy? According to Trump, it's never been better. But for whom? The tax cuts that were going to guarantee him another four years went to a small number of people, and the national deficit is now over \$1 trillion. Promised manufacturing jobs have faded away, and small and large businesses are suffering from his ridiculous tariffs. Each day the man who was the subject of "The Art of the Deal" proves he is incapable of making any deals.

Remember the declaration that Amer-

ica had defeated ISIS? The bombing of a wedding in Afghanistan two weekends ago, in which 63 people were killed and 180 more were wounded, was the work of the same people that Trump said were dead and buried. ISIS is alive and well, and unfortunately itching to create turmoil near and far. So, like all of his other pronouncements, the president showed that he doesn't have a clue about what's going on anywhere at any time.

The gravest of his assaults on our society is his attempts to stir up religious resentment by questioning the loyalty of Jewish voters. Sowing ethnic distrust in the hope of getting Jewish Democrats to vote Republican is a sickening display from a man who has no scruples and who tries to manipulate public opinion as a campaign strategy.

Love him or not, Biden's stature as the leading candidate is boosted every day by this president. And even if Biden doesn't make it to the finish line, some other Democrat will benefit from the colossal blunders of Donald J. Trump.

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There's nation building, and then there's nation *buying*

Personally, if I were buying a country, I'd go for Greece. President Trump made a bid for Greenland two weeks ago, but the "nasty" prime minister of that country said Trump's idea was absurd. Well, of course it's absurd. Why spend money on Greenland and pass up



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make this deal.

There are reasons to bid on Greece other than taking advantage of its unfortunate economy. If you're shopping for a country, you can do far worse. Kashmir, for example, would be so much trouble. If you buy India, you must invest in infrastructure. France is appealing, but just so difficult. Lichtenstein is manageable, size-wise, but no one really knows exactly where it is.

We could go for Namibia, which has the best night skies for stargazing, but we would totally have to build new roads. Or, a road. I do love Japan, and it would make a neat little package, but I couldn't sleep at night, worrying about whether Kim Jong-un would wake up cranky. Chile is charming, but it's just so long. Of course, Italy is worth it for the food alone, but ever since I read "My Beautiful Friend," I realize that Naples is ruled by nasty old widows with black mustaches.

So, Greece it is.

If you're looking for antiques, you can't do better. The Parthenon alone is worth the purchase, not to mention the Acropolis and the temple at Delphi. The Hans Egede House in Nuuk, Greenland, built in 1728, is super-modern compared with the ancient structures in Greece.

Shall we talk about food? Suaasat, the national dish of Greenland, is made from seal, whale, seabirds or reindeer. I'll pass on Rudolph, thank you, in favor of feta cheese, spanakopita, avgolemono soup and baklava.

Greece comes with dozens of storied islands, strewn with gorgeous rocks and

adorned with necklaces of white sand. Santorini is the jewel in the crown. Rising out of the sea, the volcanic island is a geological phenomenon. The seascapes stay forever etched in the mind. Winding roads take visitors from sea level up to the summit, where pastel

houses dot the landscape and whitewashed buildings house restaurants and boutiques.

Not to take anything away from Greenland, but it basically offers ice. Ice in winter and, in many places, ice in summer.

You go shopping in Greenland, you come home with bone jewelry and some nice herbs. You go shopping in Greece and you come home with 18-karat bracelets and ear-

rings and leather goods and anything else you can imagine, all of which is for sale on the islands and in the famous Plaka market in Athens.

If Trump is looking to acquire Greenland for high-minded reasons like culture and erudition, which is *so* his style, the pickings are relatively slim. Wikipedia mentions six writers, all of whom I am sure are magnificent at their craft.

Greece also has six writers that come

to mind: Homer, Plato, Sappho, Aristotle, Euripides and Sophocles. Of course, Greece has thousands of other writers, past and present. It isn't hyperbole to say that Greece is the source of a unique body of literature that speaks to all humanity. Naturally, I assume that if we bought Greece, we would open a theme park near the Acropolis, which is being renovated anyway.

Greenland is a perfectly gorgeous territory, and I hope to visit sometime soon. But I do think that if we bought it, we would suffer buyer's remorse. I know about this because I once bought a hat that I really hated the second I got home. It was a bitter winter's day, and I went to a sale in the city and purchased a huge velvet bowler hat with a mink brim. I know, it's not me, right?

I tried to return it, but the milliner said no. I don't think Denmark takes returns, either. So, as I said, I'd go with Greece.

What? You say Greece isn't for sale? But we want it. Isn't everything the United States wants for sale? No? You mean the sovereignty of other nations really matters? Nah. Not as long as Donald Trump is in the Oval Office.

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HERALD EDITORIAL

A call for one water system for Long Island

For the past two summers, New York American Water customers on the north and south shores have been incensed by their rapidly rising water bills. On Aug. 14, a report by the Farmingdale-based advocacy group Citizens Campaign for the Environment confirmed what they already knew: NYAW customers typically pay more for their water than those who get it from publicly owned utilities.

But the report, which ranked the average cost of home and business owners' water bills across the Island, revealed something else, equally troubling: a confusing constellation of standards by which water use is measured by the many utilities — 48, to be exact — that supply us with this vital resource, and in many cases, an inscrutable system of determining its cost.

Each problem, a byproduct of the Island's — primarily Nassau County's — patchwork incorporation, warrants drastic action, and we call on state lawmakers to consider the one solution that is rarely discussed: Long Island's water needs to be managed by a single, publicly owned and funded water authority.

All water on the Island comes from the same source, so it would make perfect sense for one agency to manage it, but that's currently not the case. One of the core tenets of capitalism dictates that we pay more for a better product, but in our case, the product — the water — is the same. For goodness' sake, it comes from

the same place. And, arguably, it is a human right.

New York American Water is not solely to blame. As a private company, its chief responsibility, above most others, is to ensure profits for its shareholders, and that's only natural. At some point in the Island's history, various municipalities became desperate for money, unwilling or unable to bear the responsibility of managing a water utility, and sold their water assets to private interests. It was a classic example of short-term gain in exchange for long-term pain, and now residents and business owners are paying the price, literally.

And because our local municipalities have shown themselves to be unwilling to help fix the mess they helped create, it falls on the state to intervene.

Creating a single water district for the Island wouldn't just reduce our water bills, but would also unify the standards by which we are charged for a finite resource, so we would become better equipped to protect it. Part of the issue highlighted by the Citizens Campaign report is a lack of standards by which water is measured, and many bills lack a way for customers to compare their water use with previous months and years. That, in turn, makes it harder for people to track their use and try to conserve. Additionally, it poses an obstacle to state-mandated water conservation efforts. One such effort, starting in 2017, led to much finger-pointing as conservation rate structures took effect, leading to

sharp increases in New York American Water bills.

That issue will be at least partially addressed next January, when a state law goes into effect mandating that water use be measured in gallons, and that bills show water-use comparisons on a month-by-month and year-by-year basis.

But because NYAW is a private company, talk and condemnation of conservation rates obscured much of the story. On the South Shore, infrastructure improvements and maintenance service fees acted as a cost multiplier for customers, and on the North Shore, a property-tax assessment snafu on NYAW's facilities led to the most drastic water bill hike on the Island, with customers paying on average more than \$1,100 a year for water, according to the Citizens Campaign report.

A state takeover would be a massively expensive undertaking, but it's been done before. In 1998, the state-run Long Island Power Authority purchased the Long Island Lighting Co. for \$7.3 billion. Some of that debt is still on the books, but in the end, the takeover led to a system of electricity distribution that is accountable to constituents and less costly than it otherwise would have been.

Albany has been bold since the Democratic takeover of the Capitol in 2018, passing laws that have been long overdue. It's time for lawmakers to get bolder and act to protect not only our water, but also our wallets.

LETTERS

Finding a middle ground on fishing from the jetty

To the Editor:

Along with several other residents, I attended the July 23 City Council meeting. I agree with some people that the jetty issue was really two issues. One, there are many non-residents in the park fishing in violation of the "for residents only" ordinance. Two, there are dangers related to having people on the jetty.

I understand Deputy Chief Ortiz's concern about protecting all who are guests of the park, and given this concern, I appreciated the proposal for a new regulation that would restrict people from being on the jetty. However, given that many of our local residents enjoy fishing from the jetty, I urge consideration of a middle-ground solution.

As I understood from comments by both Ortiz and Mayor Tenke, when people on the jetty present safety issues, they are often non-residents. Given that there is a regulation restricting the use of the park to residents of Glen Cove and Locust Valley, rather than have a blanket ban on fishing off the jetty, perhaps remind people of the residency restriction, and if there seems to be a



OPINIONS

Staying sober through the higher power of hope, and friends

will have been sober for exactly 32 years this week.

It's a joyful anniversary, one that I'm sharing only to inspire others who may need to quit drinking but don't think they can.

It is possible to quit, no matter how much you're drinking or how much of a mess you've made of your life so far. It's



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not too late. It never is. While the addiction seems impossible to overcome, it's that very hopelessness that's the real disease. Alcohol is how we've chosen to medicate the overwhelming anxiety; the merciless, unrelenting feeling of unworthiness; and the

frightening sadness that drags us into the deep, dark pit of depression. We see no life without alcohol.

Certified addiction counselors and medical professionals know the science of physical and mental alcohol dependence and the proven methods of recovery. Anything that sounds like advice in this column comes from my time in the dregs of doom and the sunshine of sobriety, not clinical training.

Recovery is a two-part process. The first part is to recognize there's a problem, and it's one that you can't solve yourself. This doesn't happen all of a sudden;

like waves that flow in and out along the beach, teasing the broken shells, the realization comes and goes.

Even when you stop denying that there's a physical and psychological dependence, it's even harder to admit that you can't fix it alone. Alcoholism is a lonely disease. It should be called loneliness. You shut yourself away mentally, afraid someone will find out, as though everyone doesn't already know. But since you're walled in, you can't admit that you're powerless to recover by yourself, because if you can't stop drinking without help, and you're always alone, you're lost. So you drink more. It's an insidious disease.

You are Part Two of the salvation process. No, not you, the "problem drinker," but you, the reader who loves someone who can't help him or herself. Thirty-two years ago I was sweating in a boiling-hot car with the windows up, shaking, drinking scotch through a straw. Life was close to over. I prayed for mercy.

Sufficiently self-medicated to get through a few more hours, I came to fully embrace Part One, mentioned above. I went to see my best friend, knowing that I didn't have many more minutes of life left in me. "Help," I said.

He did. And his wife did. They moved heaven and the insurance company to get me into detox that night and rehab after. I never drank again. Had it not been for them, this week would be the 32nd anniversary of my death. I would've been found alone in a sweltering car with an empty bottle.

Their kindness saved me. I became a

Where to get help

■ Long Island Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (LICADD), 1025 Old Country Road, Suite 221, Westbury, (516) 747-2606.

■ N.Y. State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS), <https://on.ny.gov/2MvUypm>; 24/7 HOPE line: (877) 846-7369.

■ Nassau County Office of Chemical Dependency, 60 Charles Lindbergh Blvd., Suite 200, Uniondale, (516) 227-7057.

■ Your employer may have an Employee Assistance Plan. You can call in confidence.

recovering alcoholic. One day at a time, with the help of God, family, friends and my own hard work, I enjoyed two consecutive 20-year careers, as a corporate human resources interviewer, manager and director; and as a newspaper reporter, writer, editor and executive editor — and an elected leader of journalism and community organizations. I'm filled with gladness, the kind that calmly smiles through lesser problems (and everything is a lesser problem than sucking whisky through a straw because your hands shake too much to put the bottle to your lips). I empathize with the desperate; I exalt the kind.

There are people I hired in my HR days who prospered because I took a chance on them. There may have been a hungry family that got fed because I wrote about a food drive. I may have inspired a reporter, guided an editor to improvement, forced a

story to be fair, revealed a local hero, changed a life. Without sobriety I wouldn't have met the sweetest love of my life, nor traveled the world. None of that would have happened.

I've never publicly shared my story. Until now, few knew. I tell it on my anniversary as a celebration of hope. It's meant as a message for readers who think there's no chance they'll get better, and for those who love them but don't know how to help. To the former, try doing what I did: When your denial cracks just a little, cry out. To the latter, start with the resource box above.

You *can* stop drinking and live a full life of love. I'm sure of it.

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challenge with the number of people on the jetty, diligently enforce the resident regulation by issuing tickets to violators.

For the initiative to succeed, I would like to suggest the following: use signage that notes the \$250 maximum fine for non-compliance and note on the sign that proof of residency may be requested; place the signs at the entrance of the park and at the jetty; and given the diversity of our population, have the signs noted in more than one language — English and Spanish.

For events when the "Only Residents of Glen Cove and Locust Valley" restriction is temporarily suspended, a police officer or official of the Parks and Recreation Department can easily cover the signs at the entrance to the park. This is a customary procedure for municipalities with parking meters when fees are suspended for the holiday shopping season.

Would this compromise proposal entirely solve the problem? Perhaps not, but I think it could help by reducing the number of people on the jetty, especially those who are not familiar with the risks. As Mr. Peña pointed out at the July 23 City Council meeting, many from Glen Cove have fished on the jetty for generations. Hopefully, for this group of people, a parent or friend has pointed out the challenges as they have joined family and friends in the joy of fishing in the

park. This is my sense of things in speaking to local residents who fish.

I have shared this proposal with the mayor, City Council and Ortiz in the hope that the proposal, or a similar one, will be adopted. I have suggested that the issue be revisited in a year.

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Glen Cove

Tom Gulotta's long legacy

To the Editor:

Hidden in a hard-to-find corner of Glen Cove is a special treasure known as the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County. Situated on the county's Welwyn Preserve, the center is particularly important for its law enforcement program, in which academy graduates take part in an intensive, on-site program with Holocaust survivors and teachers to understand the role of law enforcement in the years leading up to and including the Holocaust.

As Nassau County mourns the loss of former County Executive Tom Gulotta, remembrances must include the legendary force behind the establishment of the center — Mr. Gulotta. Returning from what he described as an extremely moving trip to Israel's Yad Vashem, Gulotta graciously facilitated the use of

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A city with more than 100 canals and more than 1,000 bridges — Amsterdam

one of Nassau County's beautiful mansions as the site of the center. Boris Chartan, who had survived the Holocaust thanks to the brave efforts of a Polish farmer, had identified the long-standing need for the center. Gulotta not only made it possible, but also served as a board member and true friend to the center for many years.

That farmer is an example of an "upstander," someone who risks his own life to save others. The opposite is

a "bystander," who fails to take a stand. Now more than ever, the education and mission of the center is crucial, and I know that many Long Islanders join me in thanking Tom Gulotta for this legacy.

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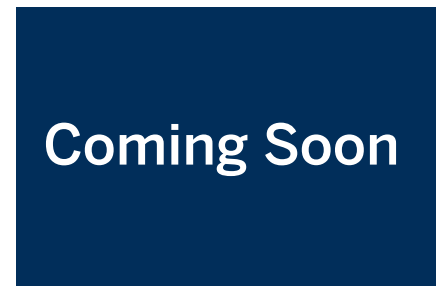
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